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Update for the Assaults on Public Safety Employees and Volunteers and Arizona State Hospital Employees Rulemaking Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), Title 9, Chapter 6, Article 8

A.R.S. § 13-1210, as amended by Laws 2008, Chapter 203, specifies circumstances in which an individual who is an Arizona State Hospital employee or the individual's employer may petition a court to order testing of another individual for HIV or other diseases. The Department has adopted rules to implement A.R.S. § 13-1210 in 9 A.A.C. 6, Article 8, which currently specifies notification procedures associated with assaults on public safety employees and volunteers.

The Department was amending the rules in 9 A.A.C. 6, Article 8, to add Arizona State Hospital employees to the rules where applicable and had posted a draft revision of 9 A.A.C. 6, Article 8.

Due to the <u>Governor's Memorandum</u>, Regulatory Review Plan, dated January 22, 2009, and published in the *Arizona Administrative Register*, 15 A.A.R. 4, page 241, all action on this rulemaking has been suspended until after April 30, 2009.

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